

## NIMAS & NIMAC Definitions:

**Adopt:** An SEA or LEA commits to the use of NIMAS source file sets to create student-ready versions.

**Blind or other person with print disabilities:** The term 'blind or other persons with print disabilities' means children served under IDEA and who may qualify in accordance with the Act entitled 'An Act to provide books for the adult blind', approved March 3, 1931 (2 U.S.C. 135a; 46 Stat. 1487) to receive books and other publications produced in specialized formats.

**NIMAC:** The National Instructional Materials Access Center at the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) serves as the national repository for NIMAS file sets. By statute, it was established on 12/3/05. It will become operational on 12/3/06.

**NIMAS:** The National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard is a technical specification developed for the purpose of promoting the development of high quality and consistent source files to be used to create specialized formats for students with print disabilities.

As cited in Appendix C to Part 300, the purpose of the NIMAS is to:

*“help increase the availability and timely delivery of print instructional materials in accessible formats to blind or other persons with print disabilities in elementary and secondary schools.”*

The duties of the NIMAC are specified in 34 CFR 300.172 (e)(1)(ii).

**Territory State:** A State that is not a textbook adoption State and generally allows LEAs to determine which textbooks and related core materials are appropriate for each LEA.

**Opt In:** An SEA or LEA chooses to coordinate with the NIMAC. Note that this is not intended to prevent SEAs or LEAs from maintaining current practices, but it is generally thought that the use of the NIMAC will prevail once the national repository is populated with K–12 textbooks and related printed core materials source files. Another choice available under opting in is to acquire student-ready versions or source files directly from K–12 publishers when and if such materials are available.

**Opt Out:** An SEA or LEA chooses not to coordinate with the NIMAC and assumes full responsibility for producing and delivering specialized formats to students with print disabilities in a timely manner.

**Print Instructional Materials:** The term 'print instructional materials' means printed textbooks and related printed core materials that are written and published primarily for use in elementary school and secondary school instruction and are required by a State educational agency or local educational agency for use by students in the classroom. In most cases, an SEA or LEA will determine what should be considered a “related printed core material.”

**Specialized Formats:** The term 'specialized formats' has the meaning given the term in section 121(d)(3) of title 17, United States Code with the addition of large print formats.

**Textbook Adoption State:** A State that has established policies and procedures for evaluating and recommending textbooks and related print instructional materials for use within that State for the purpose of achieving standards.

## NIMAC Opt-in Flowchart

